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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,783,886

AB United States Patent No. 5,587,617

AT Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication N, 200229455 For  
Japanese Application No. 2001095715

AU Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication N, 2001324436 for  
Japanese Application No. 2000140178

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office during examination proceedings of the counterpart European application. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith.

United States Patent No. 5,787,924, which was also cited by the European Patent Office, has already been made of record in the Information Disclosure Statement filed by Certificate of Mailing on November 18, 2003.



Copies of each of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or on combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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